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forContinued Examination (RCE)  
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

a.  Previously submitted  
i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on October 22 2002  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed  
i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)  
b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

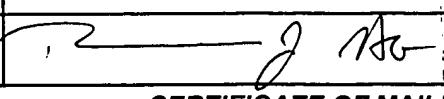
a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.  
i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$1,300.00 (\$770 to cover the filing fee, \$530.00 to cover the extension fee) is enclosed.

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